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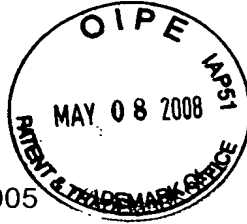
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SAMPLING METHOD



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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents, other than the U.S. patent, is enclosed.

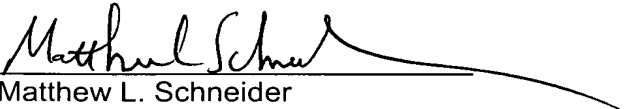
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